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### A Public Utilities Law.

Commissioner Rudolph is undoubtedly correct in his assertion that the enactment of a public utilities law would be of great advantage to the citizens of public.

It is a matter of comparatively little importance whether the regulation of with the benefit which they will afford. these utilities is given to a commission especially appointed for the purpose, or the District Commissioners. The latter. it is true, have already a multiplicity of duties to perform, but if Congress should deem it wise to add this additional labor, they will do their duty We may expect both the present board and their successors to act with fairness, both to the citizens and the corporations.

The one important fact is that somewhere there should be some authority to investigate complaints of madequate review. If such power were lodged to- would have reason to rejoice. day in the District Commissioners or a mublic utilities commission, the problem didn't get enough converts. of the universal transfers would be promptly solved and many other questions settled. Nearly every State and minicipality in the United States has found it necessary to enact public utility laws, and the result has been most satisfactory. Men like Theodore N. Vail, the head of the telephone company, who have a keen and wide grasp of multiplication and the properties of commercial designation. The advance in the price of tobacce stock indicates that the reorganization which has been approved by the Federal ity laws, and the result has been most satisfactory. Men like Theodore N. Vail, the head of the telephone company, who have a keen and wide grasp of multiplications and the result has been approved by the Federal ity laws, and the result has been approved by the Federal ity laws, and the result has been most satisfactory. Men like Theodore N. Vail, the head of the telephone company, who have a keen and wide grasp of multiple affairs, who have a keen and wide grasp of multiple affairs, have no heatiation, by reach the referred and many other question of the south American serve and that the Lamport and Holt is building for it has been as other confidence and at the Lamport and Holt is building three new steamables of the sympathy with and thin in Meavement and their senting and that its handles are running in the South American serve and that the Lamport and Holt is building for it Manachusetts. New York, Murriand, New Jersey, and elsewhere.

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gress will not be unduly influenced against granting a measure of practical value to this community.

The apple growers say the country would be greatly benefited if every per-sen ate five apples every day. It cer-tainly ought to make it fruitful.

### An Unpleasant Surprise.

the Commerce Court in granting an in- including the five year probationary longed and tedious litigation,

to the general public is that the Inter- law is invoked against them. state Commerce Commission is relegated to a purely subordinate position. Its ness will go ahead with the assurance power has been absolutely shorn. After that the law can be obeyed without nemany years of admirable work, during cessitating serious impairment of investwhich it has gained great prestige by ed capital. its industry, excellent judgment, and keen 'regard for public interests, it becomes nothing more than an advisory board, whose orders are to be disre- the diminution of the supply, garded until they have run the gamut of a lengthy contest.

It is not exaggerating to say that the To find that it has been displaced and institution by Congress. Owing to the handicapped in its excellent work is an small pay, one-third of the personnel

see how it could find one more inquisitive than Dr. Wu Ting-fang.

The suggestion made at the banquet dicapped. of the Retail Merchants' Association to should receive serious consideration: This getting together of our retailers is stantly. Congress ought to appreciate cieties are being formed rapidly, be- propriations. cause the experience of those already in existence has proved to be of such great value to members, as well as to the people of their respective communities, that merchants everywhere are beginning to realize the value of united

A significant fact in this connection is that there has been practically no running. abuse of power gained through organiration. The State or municipal legisla- along a few months

THE WASHINGTON HERALD tion which has been sought has been reasonable and has, therefore, been enacted. In addition, these associations have put trade upon a better basis, have eliminated abuses of discrimination between classes of buyers, and have established better relations between the to rubbernecking. consumer and the merchant and be-

ween the dealers themselves. With a national organization having eadquarters in Washington, the merchants of the country would be in a position to give wider effect to the benefits they are beginning to enjoy.

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ount.

anada's distrust of reciprocity.

the sting from a political defeat.

The corn crop is nearly 450,000,000

ELECTION ECHOS.

Frothingham couldn't quite beat F

There is advance and there is reaction

It should not be overlooked that pr

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.
President Taft and leaders of conserva-

tive Republicanism may take heart as a

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EVERY SATURDAY

Our Motter If you see it in The Big

SECESSION!

Randle Highmads Citizens

Forsake Anacostia.

source of fatherly protection as-sounced by the grand old city of Anacostia, the citizens of Bandle Highlands have publicly announced that they will no hinger be men-tioned in the news columns with that municipality. The mass meri-ing of the town residents was held last week.

ing of the town residents was held last week.

After the meeting had been opened, Dr. B. T. Woodward, the president, arms, and in a transcholed victor demanded to know why the newspapers had consistently, and pensistently confounded Anacestia with Bandle Highlands.

"We always find extracter," in the same column. First, an item on Anacestia them an Hend Highlands. All the same, under the Anacestia beading. Out beautiful, budding city—our beautiful, budding city—our beautiful, budding.

ding.

R. F. Rradbury thundered:

"Anacostia is not virile. We are virile. We cannot be con......"

Then arose J. M. Reilley, the

Then arose J. M. Kellley, the servitary, 
"Let us servie," he said. 
A rear of applause went up, 
"Our beautiful, b-budding city," 
said the doctor in erantion-racked 
tonas, "our b-b-b-b--". 
Like a storm the citizens arose 
and passed the resolution separating Anacostia and Randle Highlands forever, 
And when fine old, fatherly Anacostia beart of the action, it went 
to menuming and bas not yet 
emerged.

IN THE SAME WAY.

To his various frames around town J. W. Unibetaster without to

of fatherly protection a

From the Philadelphia Pol

bushels short. Oh, shucks!

ment officials have announce nog is a spirituous beverage.

It is lucky that we do not all have to

### New Assessment Laws.

The laws relating to assessments which Representative George, a member of the House District Committee, will advocate at the next session, and which he outlines in The Washington Herald this morning, will receive general commendation among District citizens. Two of his propositions, the separation of excise jurisdiction from the assessment board and the substitution of annual for triennial valuations of property, have already been suggested by the District Commissioners and are most desirable. His other suggestions, looking to larger publicity in the matter of assessments, so that the property owner will be occasioned the minimum of dissatisfaction, will also public. The amount of expense which they will add to the municipal adminiscommend themselves to the general tration will be inconsiderable compared From the New York Press.

ith the benefit which they will afford. Good for Philadelphia! The old Quaker We feel certain that the people of Washington will appreciate the interwhether the work shall be intrusted to est which Mr. George is thus mani. From the Newport (B. I.) News. festing in local affairs. He has gone in Massachusetts. A handicap of \$5.000 to work in a fashion which indicates was a little too much. friendly concern, as well as a full measare of his responsibility as a member of the District Committee. Instead of projecting unconsidered and impractical legislation into the House, he has through conferences with the Commissioners, made himself acquainted with the details of administration and has like to take long looks abraid, and pro-striven to remedy real deficiencies. Jectors of usiness enterprises and in-liferery prompts of Courses directly vestors who demand stability.

If every næmber of Congress directly service and excessive rates. This air- intrusted with participation in our local thority should not be restricted except government would act with the same cisely those who were most viciously to the usual extent of allowing judicial fact, intelligence, and sympathy, we tacked have been given the most pro-

man law is that there shall be no conspiracy in restraint of trade. It is beeved that the purpose of the law has been fully achieved by preventing the new companies from having directors It cer- or officers in common, from employing the same selling or purchasing agents. and by limiting the holdings of property or stock. In the main the drastic It is not surprising that the action of suggestions of the Attorney General junction against the reduction of freight proposition, have an been followed. rates ordered by the Interstate Com. This does not n an an wever, that the merce Commission should meet with companies are entirely immune from considerable disapproval on the part of future prosecution. They still must face the public. The action of the commis- the law, and if their conduct comes was taken after a lengthy examina, within its scope they may expect the tion into conditions in the Western government to bring them to the bar States and promised relief to thousands of jusice. They must not conspire to of shippers. It is now evident that the restrain trade, they must not resort to question has become involved in pro- illegal methods to restrict competition. If they do, after the warning which has Apart from the issue attached to this been given, their officers ought not to particular case, the fact which appeals complain if the criminal section of the

In the meantime, reorganized busi-

A Baltimore physician has been lectur-ing on the baby problem. The Bishop of London says the problem is to prevent

## Washington's Public Library.

The annual report of the trustees of American people had grown to respect the Public Library again reveals the need the Interstate Commerce Commission. of a better treatment of this important has resigned within the year. brary has not been permitted to respond If China needs an inquisitor, we do not as it should to the growing demands made upon it. It is hampered in a way in which a city of this size, not to say A National Merchants' Association. a National Capital, should not be fran-

Appropriations for the past three form a national organization composed years have decreased in proportion to of affiliated retail merchants is one that the District total, yet the work of the library and its needs are growing conn comparatively new idea. State so- the justice of the request for larger ap-

After all this trouble licking the transfec bill into shape, it would be a pity to have it licked by its opponents in Con-

gress. A German professor says Americans give themselves heart disease traveling on elevators. 'er are more likely to have it when they find the elevator is not

After the McNamara trial has dragge

### will cease poking fun at Italy for the de A LITTLE NONSENSE.

Tom I. Johnson is dead, but his spiri AUTUMN NEWS. eems to have been marching to the hen fall the scene of action takes And summer's flown, ou read about the chap who breaks His collar bone. polls in Cleveland.

This happens almost every day
When fall arrives,
And mortals risk in football play
Their precious lives. phatically in favor of an unbought ju The papers, too, when summer's done

One of the saddest moments of all le About the chap who drags a gun Across a fence. when the losing candidate flies his ex-Evidently Massachusetts does not share

But there's another tale which fall Brings into line; This is the middest tale of all, As we opins. To set all doubts at rest, the govern ed that egg-

You know the doleful story of The hapless man, Who hid his money in the stove Ere fall began.

Luther Burbank has produced a thornless blackberry, but he can never remove The parlor stove-disaster dire: You know the tale.

His wife proceeds to build a fireWe draw the veil. Nearly every possible issue is being the McNamara case except the

Uncle Pennywise Says

Glee clubs are all very well in theh way, but in Boston they campaign with Getting together is fine, but staying so a symphony orchestra. No country should have a constitution

"Why do you write so much cheer-up If the struggle between capital and lafor is really going to be as long drawn out as the McNamara trial, who can fore-"To sort of offset my jokes," the pres umorist explained.

Familiar Statement. Autumn leaves are getting sere, And the writer believes, You will see this often ere

### Autumn leaves. Took Him Literally.

'I have beaten my sword into a plow hare, remarked the young officer who and resigned.
"Hear me." exclaimed his sweetheart.

### WHAT MORGAN SHUSTER MAY DO FOR THE U. S. IN AWAKENED IRAN

year ago the British government addressed to that of Persia an ultima-tum, threatening that if within the space of three months the Persian govspace of three months the Persan average ernment should fall to restore order on the southern roads, Britain would insist upon the formation of a lecal gendarmerie officered by a dozen Anglo-Indian military men. Great indigglo-Indian military men. Great inc nation was aroused throughout Moslem world, especially in view pecuniary embarassments with b Russis, aided and abetted by which fussis, alou and an extension to England, was surrounding the Persian government. Perhaps in view of the European situation that threat was allowed to lapse, though there is every reason to apprehend that the project, revived in a worse form, is about to be executed and that some 500 Indian be executed and that some 500 Indian troops, under the specious name of consular guards, actually are en route to Shirax and Bushire. The world knows of the endeavors made by the Persian government, in

the face of enormous difficulties, to re-store order and credit to their country, but size of the methods adopted by Russia, often with the connivance England, to frostrate those efforts. The return of the exiled Shah through Rus-sia, and his landing in Persia from a Russian cargo boat at the beginning of last August, in defiance of the protocol signed by the Russian and British representatives at the time of the Shah's deposition, was a flagrant breach of international usage, especially as again he found refuge on Russian soil, at Ashkhabad, close to the Persian frontier, after involving Persia in a costly and anxious civil strife. That Muhammad Ali Mirza could have

been pointed out that some of the finest security of the roads. For this post Maj. or understandings, nor would be retard, ships in the Italian Mediterranean lines Stokes had unique qualifications, by rea- by such foul means, the reform efforts of

Every Head.

ONE CENT.

MOTORISTS

### CURIOUS BITS OF HISTORY. By A. W. MACY.

BROTHER JONATHAN.

The name "Brother Jonathan" as applied to America or to American citizens was formerly in much more general use than it is now. It originated during the war of the Revolution. After Washington had been appointed commander of the army to Massachusetts to get in shape there. He found a gree scarcity of ammunition and other secured almost impossible to de-vise adequate means for the public safety. Jonathan Trumbull was then governor of Connecticut, a man of perfect integrity and great common sense. Wash-ington had implicit confidence in Trumbull's judgment, so in his Trumbull's judgment, so in his perplexity concerning the Massa-chusetts situation he remarked. "We must consult Brother Jonathan about this." He did so, and the governor was of great assistance to him. After that, when difficulties arose, it became common to say, "We will concommon to say, "We wi this," and in time "Brother Jon athan" became a synonym, so to speak, of the United States. Gov. Trumbull looked the part of Uncle Sam. He was tall. raunt, sharp-featured and long legged, and usually wore striped lindsey-woolsey trousers a triffe (Copyright, 1911, by Joseph B. Bowles,)

Novoe Vremya and other organs of the reactionary Russian press against

m "expressed his satisfaction." of is now historical.

That beaten my sword into a plow-share. Temarked the young officer who have. Priladelphia! The old Quaker of Boss Penrose a staggering of the Ruolan government is not to be imagined, part from the direct chilence which causts to show that he was a staggering of the resistance and the country of the resistance and there is reaction.

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"Ninth." said one of the men, once the was fairly started.

"Sixth," said Miss Elliott. The car sped by the sixth floor and

was haited at the ninth.
On the way back Miss Elliott said:

"But the man said ninth first."

table living, if no more.

aster in New York County. This must be ended. The fact must be faced that he pulled through his nominees by a beggarly plurality, and that the total vote that he can muster shows an omnous shrinking. The entire Tammany rote in Manhattan and the Bronx was only about 187,000, while even for Van Wyck, as long ago as 1897, it could roll up 143,000, and in 1903 McClellan got 188,000. If it is made a question of off years, in 1907 Tammany elected a sheriff by a majority of 27,000, while this time Harburger had only a plurality of 2,136. Moreover, in 1997 the total Tammany vote for sheriff was 146,000, dropping 9,000 votes, despite increased population and a surprisingly large registration. How long," concludes the Evening Post, "must this sort of thing go on before the Democrats of New York City wake up to the fact that Murphy is as

PUBLIC PULSE.

The Independent Voter.

The independent voter was much in

York World, he did a good day's work

in impressing upon the bosses and stupid political leaders that blind per-

tisanship is going out of fashion at the polls. The World, in support of its con-tention, argues as follows: "Massachu-

setts chose a Democratic governor, but

delphia elected the Democratic-Keyston-candidates for mayor and city solicitor

but Republican (machine) candidates for

the remaining city offices. Maryland

elected the Republican candidate for

governor and the Democratic nominees for other State offices. In Mississippi Democrats, disgusted with their party's

candidate for lieutenant governor, elect-

"Murphy Must Go."

"Writ large on the election returns," comments the New York Evening Post,

"is the proof that the disgraceful lead-ership of Charles F. Murphy is involv-

ing his party in steadily deepening dis-

Republicans for State officers.

ce Tuesday. And, says the New

According to the Chicago Record-Her-ald, the moral of nonpartisan judicial nominations and elections is obvious and a large step toward a strong and independent judiciary. This is the paper's comment: "In Cook County we had a separate judicial election, and in spite of partisan clamor and hypocritical arguments, in spite of the partisan ballot and the clumsy statute which handi-capped independent candidates, the votera used discrimination and excellent judgof ment in making their ballots. The strict enforcement of the law against fraudu-

Loans to Salaried Persons

"A small investigation in New York," says the faturday Evening Post, "covered 200 patrons of loan sharks, showed that the average interest paid by them was 180 per cent per year. Probably this is typical of that business, to correct which the New York legislature Vail, the head of the telephone company, who have a keen and wide grasp
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the substime of in the way of breaking up the target and intoresents of th pastor's own explanation. Judking from this phrasing, the moving-picture sermon may become a reality at no distant date. It would certainly be a most interesting experiment.

Must Have Fair Play.

From the Chicage Evening Post.

Miss Gertrude Efficit and Miss Sumanes Sheldon were in an ascending elevator which also had some men passengers.

"Ninth," said one of the men, once the

The British workingmen's compensation law, argues the Boston Transcript, has been prolific of litigation, based upon the assumption that the employer is ar sped by the sixth floor and the assumption that the employer is tied at the ninth. Elliott said: bound to pay, whatever the origin of the accident, so long as it is proved to the accident, so long as it is proved to have occurred while the sufferer was in the sixth is lower than the list employ. Here is the Transcript's comment: "A number of cases have "I know that," said the elevator boy.
"But the man said ninth first."

But the man said ninth first."

I know that," said the elevator boy. I know that law, but as yet there is not an abundance of decisions affirming authoritatively the principle of in-Would Be a Benefactor.

From the hutale Express

The man who invents a wax figure capable of escorting a woman to the opera while her husband attends a good the widow of a collery paymaster received compensation for the loss of her nushand, who was killed and robbed on board a railroad train while on the way No More Woman's Inequality.

From the Baltimere Star.

A girl in St. Paul drove twelve nails he was hired to do when he came to his duties. The highest court maintained that he was doing what he was hired to do when he came to his duties.

A girl in St. Paul drove twelve nails in straight in forty-six seconds. Another giant stride has thus been taken in demolishing the theory of woman's inequality with man.

Commends Herald Editorial.

Editer the Washington Resuld:

I desire to commend for honesty, truthfulness, and patriottam the editorial in The Washington Herald to-day upon the outcome of the election in Maryland relating to the defeat of the proposed constitutional amendment aimed at the negro voter.

Washington, November 2.

f from

# Uncle Walt Says To-day:

Bob Burdette, who kept men grinning, in the days when we were young, urges men to quit their sinning, with his gentle pen

helped the world, I wist; in his age he is a preacher-but he's still a humorist. Why should priests, be solemncholy, as they are throughout the

earth? Cannot earnest folks be jolly? Can't they serve the Lord with mirth? Underneath the stately rafter of the church, where gloom is found, I would like to hear the laughter of the joyous Christians sound. When I seek the sanctuary, so depressed seems every one, that I think they plan to bury some one when the sermon's done When our Bob writes tract or sermon he rings in a human jest, and you find yourself a-squirmin' in your joy, like allpossessed! Priests like Bob will not deny us all the gladness that there is, holding that man may be pious while a smile adorns his

and tongue. As a wit he was a teacher, and he

BURDETTE.

(Copyright, 181, by George Matthew Adams.) WALT MASON.

# THE BIG STICK

### WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 11, 1911

AN F STREET FLOWER GARDEN.



Behold the boss gardener of F street!

The people of our villings would inver suspect that there is a barrier between people garden in our middet. Let them congregate to F street, between Elevania and Twelfith, and gase upon the most won-derful collection of gerandmus, riotes red roses, hellyholset, dateins, and jinson weeks ever guttered toucher over one aweing. Then let them take off their bath to Frank Micharest, the author, creator, chief trender, and fraguent waterer of this collection of hotanical curiosities, reader, and fraguent waterer of this collection of hotanical curiosities, and the same of the street of the same power of the special section of the same follows:

But day our Frank gives at such bitter of how to make flowers placed in the same collection of the special section in the collection of the special section in the same section in t

It is a great show, and our Frank is a hine-ribbon boy when it omes to producing prize flowers on an awning. HAPPY THOUGHTS. A NEW VERSION.

The more I see of automobiles, the more I love my horse-MEL-VILLE C. HAZEN. Editor Big Stick:
The foregoing is the literal Italian translation of "My Country, Tis of Thee," as arranged by Central Office Detective Oriani: Messter Pistorio, Be-ec-ceg impeesario;
His tunce are grand, Plans da rantime tune. VILLE C. HAZEN.
Ob. yes, Gol. John A. Joyce and
I will be appreciated—after we are
dend.—MAYO DUDLEX.
When I was a reporter I was
convinced I would be a great lawyer. Nov. I know I was destined to
the great reporter.—JAMES FRANCIS RELLI.
When it was a proper to the convenience of the convenien be a great reporter—JAMES PARK-CIS KELLY.
What I can't molerated is this:
How is it that the Y. M. C. A.
shoold know more about raising
bates than anyhoot eise—JAWRON
JERMANE JONES.
It's like this: My sequesintance—
substantial presidents, and cab drivers
was no extensive that I simply had
to decline any right to issue treater passes. Pagasharty is hades—
NORBORNE ROBINSON.

Plays da ragiline tune,
Bam! Bam! We been baseon!
I aim de crary loonO hear dat band!
WALTER T. HOLT. ON THE AMATEUR STAGE The many fada Of sweet girl grads Make my hair curl. The other day I saw them play "The thorns girl."

MORE MEMBERS.

In the Ancient Society of Shoe-makers the following new members have been admitted: Afbert E., Louis P., and Commander W. R., Now they are trying to decide whether the outpossition on E. street can some in.

Ratph Quinter had a client last week. The client obtained \$1,000 worth of action free and then hor-yweed a quarter. Mr. Quinter states that the law business is hooking up.

### Big Stick's Correspondent Unearths Startling Facts! Sandy Spring, Mil., Nov. 18.-

**NEW SHERIFF** 

CAN'T TOUCH

Sheriff Viett, that implacable and ror, was supplicated by Sheriff Cliff. Howard at the polls several days ago I began an investigation of the record, habits, and place of residence of the new sheriff, with a riew to informing Washington au-temobilists whether he would be as implacable a persecutor as his pred

He will not!

I have been three days looking for the new sheriff, and I haven't for the new sheriff, and I hasen't found him yet. He has any hermit who ever bermited beaten fifty ways when it couses to isolation. The nearest buman settlement to his home is the town frum which I

He lives nine miles from here, and the intervening roads would stop any autoist who was fat-headed enough to try to look for I can safely say that the

sharm will be conservative. All the has traveled the unne miles between his house and Sandy Syrica about three times he will decid that hersethied detecting is the main port of a shortfly job, and may add that if it takes him a long to find an automobile as it took me to find him, nobody will be arrested for speeding while be holds office. CHARLES MILLER.

BY YE LOCAL SCRIBE.

Heory B. F. Macherland has taken out a 2100,000 policy against public speaking with Ralph W. Lee, our eminent insurancer.

whether the corporation on E street can come in.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

If the man who advised Frank L. Peckham, the young lawyer, to wear lemme-colored glores will call at the office of his trother Wesley he will hour something to his disadvantage.

GOING next birthday party in 1917.

Fred Geyer and Granville Hunt midwesked at 68ody Spring, Md., and report that the Sandy Spring Adaption for the Improvement of Unowted Dogs will hold its next annual consection in this city.

G. W. F. Swartesti has applied at the health office for a change in name. He explained that the alphabel core their to bim hurts has peeple and the property of the control of